Environmental Impacts of Demand Response Resources

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Overview



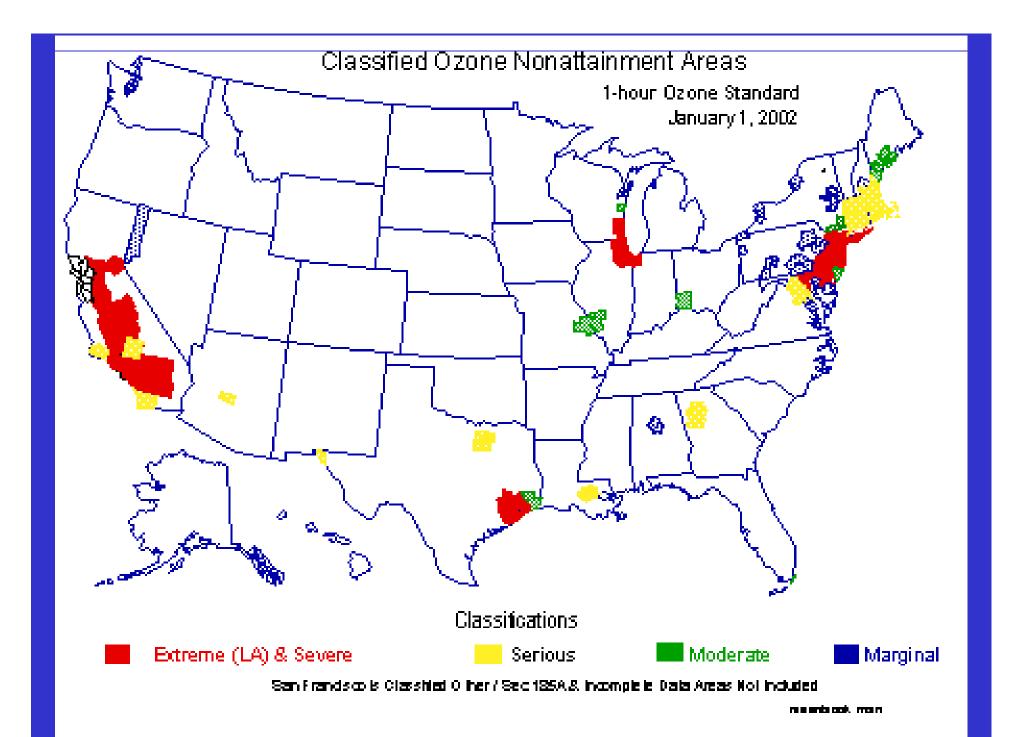
Electric power generation degrades air quality at summer peak



Demand response options can reduce or exacerbate air pollution at summer peak



- Clear environmental winners energy efficiency, PV, fuel cells, wind
- **⊠**Recommendations



Demand Response Options



Energy Efficiency - High Efficiency AC Systems, Commercial Lighting



Load Curtailment - Reduced lighting, AC cutbacks, suspended operations



Load Shifting - Rescheduled industrial processes, AC & Water Heater Cycling

Distributed Generation - Emergency generators, fuel cells, PV, combined heat & power

Environmental Impacts - Power Plant Air Pollution Emission Rates

U.S. Average Marginal*

 NO_x 3.4 lb/MWh 0.6 lb/MWh

SO₂ 7.9 lb/MWh 0.006 lb/MWh

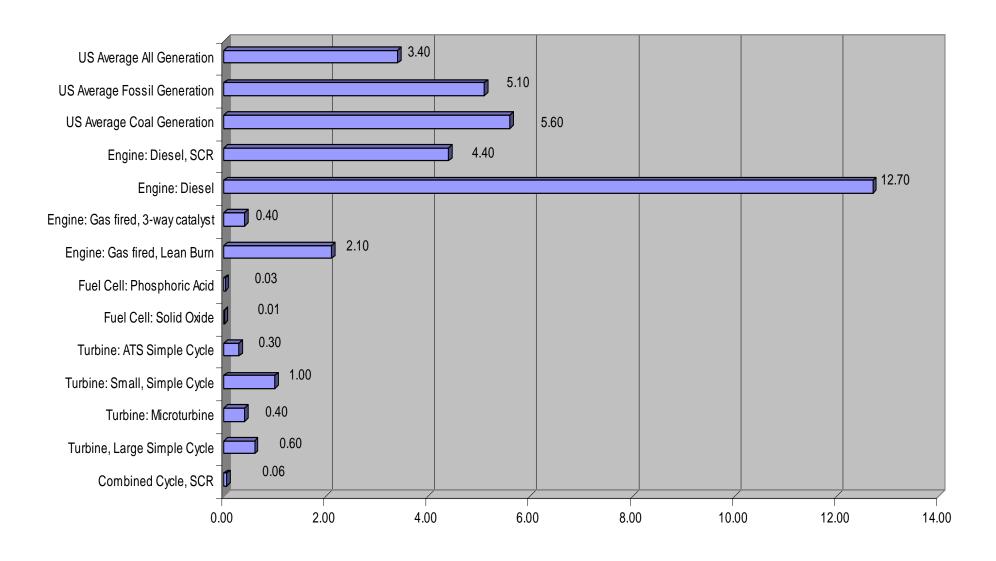
PM₁₀ 0.19 lb/MWh 0.07 lb/MWh

CO₂ 1,408 lb/MWh 1188 lb/MWh

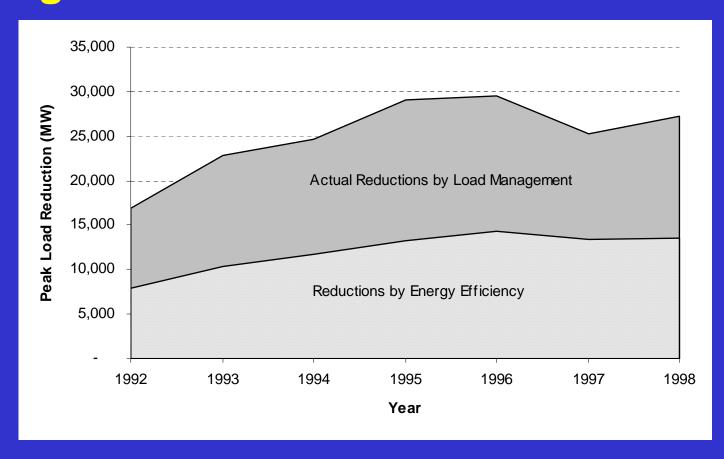


(* Large simple cycle gas fired turbine)

Nox Emission Rate (lb/MWh)



Actual Peak Load Reductions from Energy Efficiency & Load Management Programs U.S. 1992-1998







Recommendations:



Consider environmental impacts in promoting demand response programs.



Environmental regulations are needed for small distributed generation to protect air quality in urban airsheds.



- Give priority to clean DR options energy efficiency, renewables, fuel cells.
- More info at: www.raponline.org